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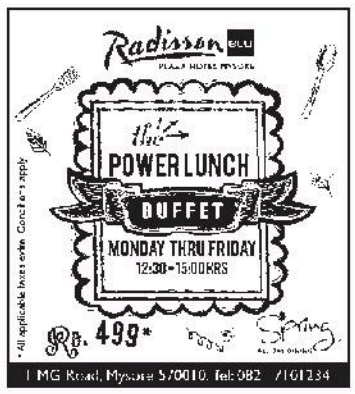


Stink will Stop?

▶ MCC invites tenders to remove mounds of garbage at Sewage Farm

▶ Tenders worth Rs. 10.13 crore for biomining, transportation and disposal

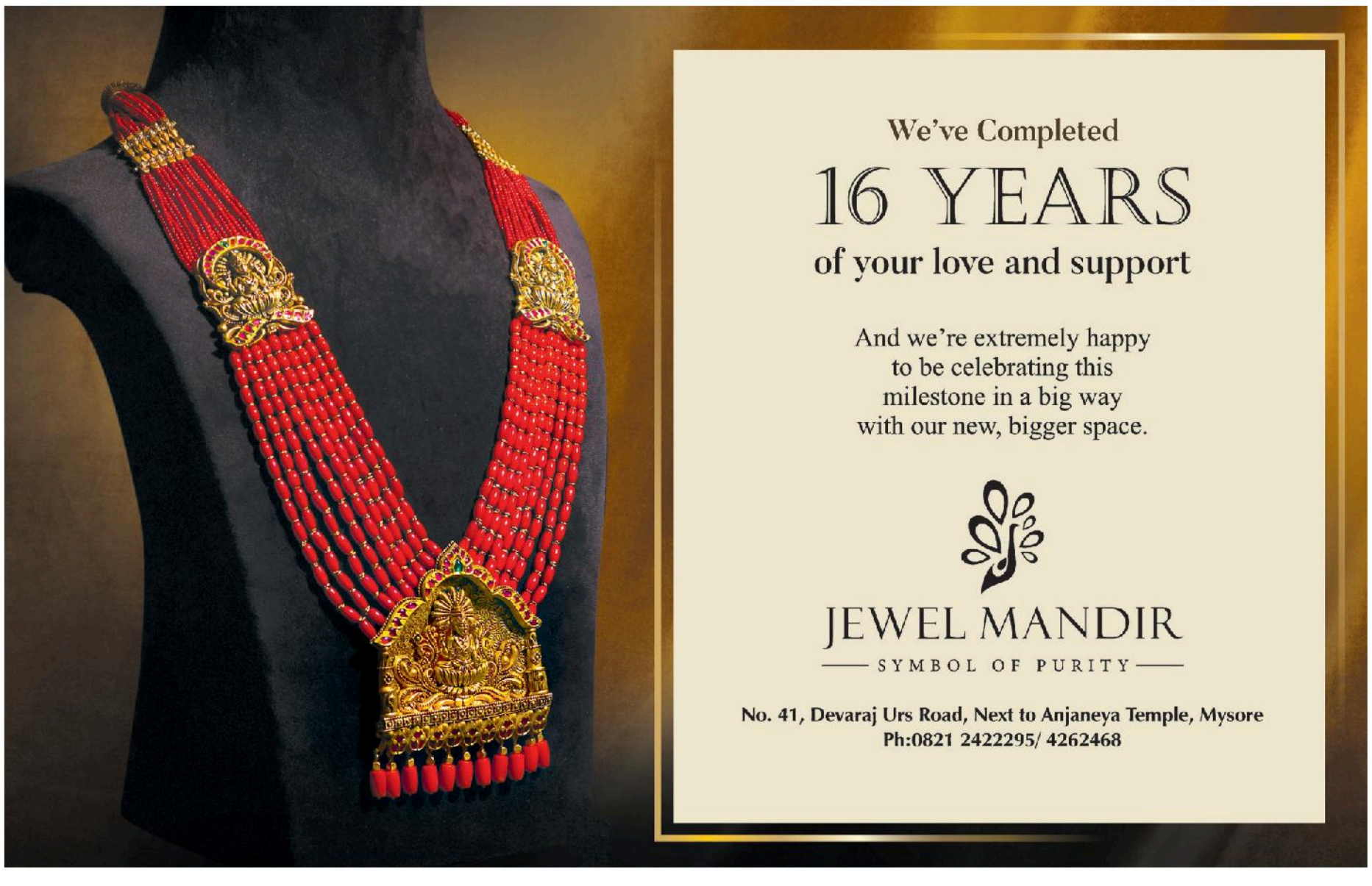
Mysuru, Mar. 15 (RK&BCT)- In a big relief to nearly a lakh residents living around the Solid Waste Management Unit (Excel Plant) at Sewage Farm premises in Vidyaranyapuram, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has finally called for tenders from global bidders to clear mounds of legacy waste that has piled up over the years, causing unbearable stench. Global tenders have been called to clear over two lakh tonnes of waste through biomining and the total estimated cost is Rs. 10.13 crore. The tender per se for biomining methods is Rs. 4.6 crore.

The tenders have been through Government's e-procurement portal floated on Mar. 2 this year and a formal meeting regarding the tender will be held at the office of MCC Executive Engineer (West) on Mar. 29 at 11 am. The last date to submit the tender is Apr. 5 and the tenders will be opened on Apr. 6.

Living in the surroundings of Excel Plant has become a horrible experience for residents with undesirable smell emanating out of the plant 24×7. Residents of Vidyaranyapuram, Kanakagiri, J.P. Nagar, Gundu Rao Nagar and Vishweshwaranagar have been demanding the relocation of the plant for years.

After much struggles and protests, the District Administration took a decision in January 2020 to go ahead with a Bioremediation (biomining) project to clear the legacy waste that has been dumped since over 30 years. Despite the efforts by the District Administration, the Bioremediation project did not take off

(See STINK on page 7)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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 15th March 2021

NEP provides jobs for students in places of study: UoM VC

Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore (UoM), addressing the gathering at a workshop on 'NEP-2020: Future and way forward' at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri recently.

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (RK&SSV)- The co-operation of Government, teachers and administrators was must for the effective implementation of National Education Policy (NEP)-2020, opined Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore (UoM).

He was speaking after inaugurating a workshop on 'NEP-2020: Future and way forward,' at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri campus here recently.

The VC said that the State Government should have laid more stress on NEP in its recent Budget. Funds were required to improve quality of education and research. The Policy has been framed on the lines of developed nations and many stalwarts like, Dr. K. Kasturirangan have worked hard. Need of the hour was to impart skill development training for degree-completed students. Since academic system has changed, the syllabus must also be redefined in tune with present day demand.

Number of courses must increase as and when the admission of students goes up. It was possible to take the higher education to everyone provided both online and distance education get their due importance, he added.

Prof. Hemantha Kumar said that one of the prominent features of the NEP has been job creation along with education. In western countries, jobs are made available in places of learning and that will happen here too. Brain drain can be effectively checked through the NEP. A Technical Committee must be set up to design the courses by keeping in view the future of students and society and prepare a blueprint. Teachers have to prepare themselves everyday to teach students, the VC noted.

Prof. R. Shivappa, Registrar (Administration), UoM, delivered introductory speech.

Prof. Yashwant Dongre, retired Professor, Department of Commerce and Dr. B.S. Padmavathi, Director, Centre for Educational & Social Studies, Bengaluru, were the resource persons.

Prof. M.K. Lokanath, Professor, UoM and Prof. Janardhan were also present on the occasion.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The sealing of the DMK-Congress alliance with the national party bagging just 25 seats is an indication of how Congress is fast losing ground. In 2016, DMK had offered 41 seats but Congress could win just 8, a 20 percent strike rate. Similarly, in Bihar Congress wrested 74 seats but could win just 19, badly letting down the alliance in the process. Not surprisingly, Tejashwi Yadav is supporting TMC rather than the Congress-CPM combine with which he made common cause some months ago. M.K. Stalin has reason to be worried of such a scenario repeating. He also has several other allies to accommodate. Further, Congress has had difficulty keeping even its winning flock together, which could become instrumental in the event of a hung assembly. However, unlike Bihar, this round of elections is witnessing greater involvement of the Gandhi siblings. Rahul is spending time in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry and Priyanka has campaigned in Assam, another state where Congress has been forced into an alliance. However, rather than ad hoc roles, it is time Congress settles the vacuum at the top and elect a full time party president. The failure to project itself as a 24×7 counterweight to BJP is leading to regional parties losing their respect for Congress. — *In The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

This cave entrance is claustrophobia hell

Texas: Deep Cave in Edwards County, Texas has more than one entrance, but daredevils prefer to use one so tight that it can make claustrophobes extremely uncomfortable just looking at it.

Videos of spelunkers literally squeezing themselves into Deep Cave through this incredibly tight hole in the ground have been doing the rounds online for years now, but frankly, they never get old. It's terrifying and it's something you don't really want to see, but can't really stop either. Even if you don't really have a problem with tight spaces, seeing people going down this little hole is guaranteed to make your palms a little sweaty.

The tight hole is also used as an exit from the cave, which one of the people in these videos accurately described as "Earth giving birth". It sounds funny, but that's exactly what it looks like.

Bizarre circular shapes spotted in Beaufort Sea

Alaska: Bizarre circular shapes spotted by a research plane in the Arctic's Beaufort Sea are puzzling NASA scientists.

The aerial survey - part of ongoing research trips that started about 10 years ago - was conducted by scientist John Sonntag, the lead researcher on NASA's Operation Ice Bridge project, charting sea ice levels on both poles of the Earth.

"We saw these sorta-circular features only for a few minutes today," Sonntag wrote as he discovered the circles in real time. "I don't recall seeing this sort of thing elsewhere." Sonntag and others are at a loss for what the holes might be, but they have a few ideas.

One guess is that the ice is "young" and newly formed over water.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Hydration and geriatric health

The elderly have a reduced ability to conserve water, are less attuned to their thirst, and may avoid drinking fluids because of overactive bladder problems. Additionally, the elderly are more likely to lack proper hydration in cold weather and during illness. Mild to moderate complications from dehydration include constipation, headache, dizziness, low blood pressure etc. It's healthier to include fluids from buttermilk, barley water, home-made soups and occasionally through fruit juices.

By Syeda Shifain Fathima - Department of Dietetics & Nutrition

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Cold and flu pathogens are both caused by viruses. The cold virus is called a rhino-virus. The flu virus is called influenza virus. Flu symptoms tend to be more severe than cold. They may include fever, body aches, chills and headache. Some may develop nausea and vomiting.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	MAR. 13	MAR. 14
Day's Positive Cases	47	31
Total Positive Cases	54,414	54,445
Day's Discharges	23	17
Total Discharges	53,167	53,184
Day's Deaths	1	0
Total Deaths	1,036	1,036
Total Active Cases	211	225

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Virat Kohli becomes first batsman to reach 3,000 runs in men's T20I Cricket

Virat Kohli

Ahmedabad, Mar. 15- India captain Virat Kohli became the first batsman to make 3,000 runs in men's Twenty20 International (T20I) cricket.

He achieved the feat in the second T20I between India and England in Ahmedabad yesterday. Kohli was already the leading scorer in the format in men's cricket before the match.

Only two other cricketers have scored more than 3,000 runs in the format — both in women's cricket. Suzie Bates (3,301 runs) of New Zealand and Stafanie Taylor (3,062) of the West Indies are the others to achieve this feat.

Kohli's innings of 73 runs off just 49 balls with 5 fours and 3 sixes helped India level the five-match series 1-1 as they won the second T20I by seven wickets.

Kohli now has 6001 runs from 87 T20Is since making his debut in the format in Zimbabwe in 2010.

REALLY...?

- ***One strawberry has around 200 seeds.***
- ***Tomatoes are the most popular fruit in the world.***
- ***To pick the best watermelon look for a yellow spot and choose the heaviest.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Boy: *Today is my girlfriend's birthday. What shall I give her?*
Friend: *How does she look?*
Boy: *A beauty.*
Friend: *Then give her my phone number.*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.76
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.22
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.81
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.83

VOICE OF THE READER

Indiscriminate sinking of borewells

Sir,

In spite of the guidelines regarding indiscreet use of ground water given by Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri on Feb. 24, 2021, individual persons and micro-size families are sinking borewells for personal use only.

They do not benefit the poor and needy of Belavatha village, which comes under the jurisdiction of Siddalingapura Panchayat, Mysuru. These borewells are dug without keeping the distance of 250 meters from each other.

There are more than 20 borewells sunk by the Panchayat itself and couple of them with the collaboration of RBI Mysuru. If each one tries to show their money-power and dig borewell, the sources of ground water will be empty and the poor and economically backward people will not get water even once a week from public water resources arranged by our Panchayat.

Those who want to dig borewell for their personal and single family use do not even seek permission from the Department of Mines and Geology. Those who have illegally sunk their personal borewell have not yet registered with the Department concerned once they have completed the works.

— Dominic

Belavatha village
1.3.2021

85th Trimurti Shiva Jayanti Mahotsava and spiritual art exhibition concludes

Brahma Kumaris Jayanthi and Sharadaji, Rajayogini Brahma Kumari B.K. Lakshmiji, Senior Ganjifa artist Raghupathi Bhat, KSOU VC Prof. S. Vidyashankar, Rajayogi Ramachandrarao and Dr. Narayana Hegde are seen at the valedictory function of 85th Trimurti Shiva Jayanti Mahotsava and Spiritual art exhibition of Spatika Linga and Dwadasha Linga at Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya in Yadavagiri here yesterday.

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (SBD&SD)- Ganjifa artist Raghupathi Bhat has advised devotees to practice meditation regularly for a happier and healthier life.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the valedictory function of 85th Trimurti Shiva Jayanti Mahotsava and Spiritual art exhibition of Spatika Linga and Dwadasha Linga, organised by Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya at its centre in Yadavagiri here yesterday. He also spoke about *Yuga Dharma* and the importance of devotion and meditation in *Kali Yuga.*

"In *Krita Yuga,* the highest virtue is said to be meditation and penance, while in *Treta Yuga* it is *Dharma*. In *Dwapara Yuga,* the main purpose is to establish *Dharma* in the world, which is totally absent in current *Kali Yuga.* This whole concept has been symbolised in the form of *Vrishabha* (Nandi) sitting on its broken three legs. It is also said that *Dharma* stands on four legs in *Sat Yuga,* on three legs in *Treta Yuga,* on two legs in *Dwapara Yuga* and on just one leg in *Kali Yuga,*" he explained.

Later, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Vidyashankar addressed the gathering. He informed that the Varsity is mulling on telecasting 30-minute online spiritual discourses on weekends for the benefit of its students and added that he will discuss this further with Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya.

Chief Convener of Brahma Kumaris Mysuru unit B.K. Lakshmiji delivered *Ashirvachana.* Convener of Jnanasarovara Retreat Centre B.K. Sharadaji delivered a lecture on the significance of Shivarathri.

Convener of Brahma Kumaris Jayanagara Branch B.K. Lakshmi practiced *Rajayoga* for the devotees. Auditor Gurupadaswamy, Rajayogi Ramachandrarao, Dr. Shilpa Hegde and others were present.

Impressionz presents curated collection from master weavers of Banaras

Impressionz showcases **Indira Lavanya,** a solo show to town, a curated collection from the master weavers of Banaras (Benaras), starring exclusive hand-woven products, at The Quorum Hotel in city on Mar. 15 and 16.

An awe-inspiring array of sarees — Mashru silks, Meenakari, Jangla soft drapes, Tanchoi silks, uniquely patterned Kora silks, Tussar Georgettes and Cotton Jamdanis — will tempt shoppers.

Benares is a very special centre for weaving; the loom and techniques used are most detailed and advanced despite their indigenous nature.

The Jangla saree, for example has a dense interlaced pattern — usually floral or konia (betel leaf or paisley motif) — with an intricately patterned border and pallu. Tanchoi is an interesting technique where the base weft itself is used to create a pattern on the fabric. Mashru, though not traditionally woven in Benares, is being made here today due to advanced looms — it uses silk warp and cotton weft with zari patterning. Benarasi fabrics typically include betel leaves, paisleys, foliage, shikar scenes, rudraksh and chand motifs.

In addition to these beautiful sarees being exhibited by Indira, her dupattas woven from Munga silk and pure Katan silk are a beautiful blend of the modern and the traditional, as are her hand-woven lehengas and Munga silk suit pieces.

Expo is open from 10.30 am to 8.30 pm on both days.

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SWR Mysuru Division DRM chairs 32nd Permanent Negotiation Machinery Meeting

Mysuru, Mar. 15- Mysuru Division of South Western Railway (SWR) conducted the 32nd Permanent Negotiation Machinery (PNM) Meeting on Feb. 25 and 26 at the Divisional Railway Manager's (DRM) Office in city.

DRM Rahul Agarwal chaired the opening session. The representatives of South Western Railway Mazdoor Union (SWRMU), Mysuru Division, participated in the conciliation.

Speaking on the occasion, Rahul Agarwal briefed various pro-labour measures initiated by Mysuru Division and other achievements in the current financial year. He said the Division has appointed 310 employees through Railway Recruitment Board (RRB), Railway Recruitment Cell (RRC) and on compassionate ground. A total of 1,109 employees had also been promoted or granted financial upgradation, he added.

Human Resource Management System (HRMS) has been implemented in the Division and it caters to issue office order, issue of E-Pass and Privilege Ticket Order (PTO) for Employees, employees can apply for Provident Fund online and Annual Performance Appraisal Reports can be uploaded and viewed, Agarwal described.

A Pension Adalat was conducted on Dec. 15, 2020 and representations of 43 pensioners or family pensioners were settled and a Grievance Adalat was also conducted from Feb. 10 to 15, 2021, across the division, he informed. Agarwal thanked the organised labour for extending co-operation and wanted this healthy relation to continue for overall improvement of Railways.

Shiva Prakash, Divisional General Secretary of SWRMU, briefed the contemporary labour issues at the divisional level.

A. Devasahayam, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (General), B. Srinivasulu, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Infra & Operations) chaired the two-day meeting on behalf of the Railway Administration, Prashanth Mastiholi, Sr.Divisional Personnel Officer, and all the Branch Officers were also present.

Tiger on the prowl in South Kodagu

24-day search sees little success; hunt on

Ponnampet, Mar.15 (Akshay &BCT)- Twenty-four days have passed after the Forest Department began the operation to capture the elusive tiger and the massive search has yielded no results.

Neither the tiger — that has killed three persons and injured another grievously apart from killing over 18 cattle heads — has been captured nor killed as per the demands of the terrified local residents. People are hesitant to come out of their homes and labour population have vacated the coffee plantations due to the fear of being attacked.

Bellur, Thavalageri, T. Shettigeri, Nemmale, Srimangala — the epicentre of the tiger attack — has seen day-and-night protests by residents since the last eight days where protesters have pitched in tents by the side of the road to exert pressure on the Forest Department to shoot the tiger as per the order issued by the State Government.

Today, a group of protesters are heading towards Deputy Commissioner's Office at Madikeri to stage a demonstration. The patience of the people is running out and they have accused the Forest Department of staging a drama of capturing the tiger despite having sharp-shooters and tracking experts in the team.

Operation ground report

Meanwhile, a communiqué from the office of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Virajpet Division, said that the tracking operation has been intensified and many teams have been formed to trace the big cat apart from tracking it through camera traps. Though the visuals have not been captured, the feline's scat has been found along with pug marks at Nemmale village. Soon after the pug marks were spotted near the house of Manira Darshan at west Nemmale, one team was rushed there but the big cat had escaped from there.

A second team conducted combing operation from Nemmale till Srimangala through the Durga Devarakadu while the third team proceeded from Srimangala till the Lakshmanatheertha River. The dog squad (comprising Rana from Bandipur) too searched along with the team but in vain. Likewise, combing operations were conducted at Bellur and Kurchi villages as the local residents reported of hearing the roar of the tiger.

Protesters form a human chain in Madikeri town this morning demanding capture of the tiger.

Five to six cattle heads have been tied to trees amidst thickets at different places to attract the beast but this attempt too yielded little success. One more team was readied to watch over the villages in the night and this team too did not spot the big cat.

Sharpshooter returns

In a sort of setback to the tiger capture operation, the expert sharpshooter from Bengaluru G. Susheel Kumar, who was appointed by the State to shoot the tiger, has returned to Bengaluru. The Government had appointed Susheel and Tyag Uthappa to lead the shooting operation. They had come to Kodagu on Mar. 8, armed with shoot-at-sight orders. Now only Tyag Uthappa is part of the operation. While the Department claimed that Susheel's return from the camp site was due to personal reasons, it was widely speculated that there is a lack of coordination between the Department and the sharpshooters.

While on one hand the State has issued the shoot-at-sight orders, the Department officers reportedly told the sharp-shooters that the priority was to capture the big cat and not shoot it to death as per the guidelines issued by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA).

However, the Department claimed that it was not a setback to the operation and alternative arrangements would be made in the absence of sharpshooter Susheel Kumar.

"The operation has not seen success due to difficult and undulating terrain, foggy atmosphere, and thick growth of coffee plants, increased habitation and disturbance. We are confident of capturing the tiger soon," Nagarahole Tiger Reserve Director D. Mahesh Kumar told *SOM*.

Priority is to capture, not to kill,

says Nagarahole Tiger Reserve Director

Ponnampet, Mar. 15 (Akshay&BCT)- The Forest Department is following the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) in tracking and capturing the tiger on the prowl in South Kodagu.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Nagarahole Tiger Reserve Director D. Mahesh Kumar said that the guidelines are being followed and the first priority for the Department was to capture the big cat. "Our priority is to capture the animal as per the NTCA guidelines and we have shoot-at-sight orders and only if the situation goes out of hand, we will resort to kill it," he said.

The State Government had officially appointed sharpshooters from Bengaluru G. Susheel Kumar and Tyag Uthappa and no private sharp-shooter has been engaged in the operation, he clarified."Now only Susheel Kumar has returned. We have Tyag Uthappa and over 150 personnel. Regarding the guns to be used in the operation, we are not authorised to mention the make and bore size. But we are sticking to the guidelines," he added.

What the NTCA guidelines say?

As per the guidelines issued by the NTCA, State Forest Departments are barred from engaging a private shooter to kill a tiger for which shoot orders have been issued. Also, in the revised guidelines issued on Nov. 11, 2020, the NTCA has removed

the restriction on the bore size of the gun — 'not below .375 magnum' — to be used to kill the animal.

Earlier, the SOP dealing with the procedure to shoot the animal read, "After declaring the man-eater, its elimination should be done by a Departmental personnel having the desired proficiency while providing the firearm with the appropriate bore size not below .375 magnum. In case, such expertise is not available within the Department, an expert may be co-opted from the other State Governments or outside with due authorisation."

The revised text says: "After declaring the animal as dangerous to human life, its elimination should be done by Departmental personnel having the desired proficiency while providing the firearm with the appropriate bore size. In case such expertise is not available within the Department, an expert may be co-opted from the other competent Government Department."

Wild elephant attacks van; occupants injured

Virajpet, Mar. 15 (KS)- Occupants of a van had a miraculous escape when a wild elephant attacked the vehicle and damaged it in Karada village limits near here.

One M. Ashok of Palangala village was proceeding in his Maruti van along with his family members consisting women and children to a temple at Maletirike Hill in Karada village and when they were proceeding on the narrow stretch of the road at the foot of the hill, a wild elephant suddenly attacked the van, gored it with its tusks and damaged the vehicle.

Luckily, Ashok, along with two women and four children, escaped miraculously but the women have suffered minor injuries in the incident. Passersby, who saw the elephant attacking the van, began to shout and made noise, which made the elephant retreat into the forest. The injured have been treated at Virajpet General Hospital. Range Forest Officer (RFO) K.M. Devaiah and staff visited the spot and collected information about the incident. A case has been registered at Virajpet Rural Police Station.

Anganwadi workers stage protest

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (PM&SD)- Anganwadi workers staged protest this morning opposite the Deputy Commissioner's office seeking fulfilment of their demands.

Over 100 Anganwadi workers participated in the protest and demanded increase in honorarium amount based on seniority, to provide a lump sum amount to 7,294 Anganwadi workers who have retired after 2015. They also demanded minimum pension amount of Rs. 5,000 each to retired worker and helpers as well as ESI and other such benefits.

"During Bengaluru Chalo held on Mar. 3, our leaders held a meeting with Minister for Women and Child Development Shashikala Jolle who had promised to fulfil our demands, but unfortunately, there is no mention about fulfilling of our demands during the recent State Budget. Hence, we have called for Statewide protest today," they said.

Protesters later submitted a memorandum at the Deputy Commissioner's office.

8,200 youth enrol for KSOU's virtual Job Mela

92 companies participate; registration open up to Mar. 22

Seen are** (from right) **JobKart India Founder and CEO S.V. Venkatesh, KSOU VC Prof. S. Vidyashankar, KSOU Finance Officer Dr. A. Khadar Pasha and KSOU Placement Officer Dr. R.H. Pavitra during the launch of 'KSOU Virtual JobKart' at Muktagangothri in city this morning.

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (PM&SSV)- As many as 8,200 candidates have registered their names for 'KSOU Virtual JobKart' launched jointly by the Placement Cell of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru and JobKart India, Mysuru, this morning.

Prof. S. Vidyashankar, Vice-Chancellor, KSOU, launched online mega Job Mela at Board of Members Hall, Muktagangothri. This online registration is opened for candidates up to March 22.

Speaking on the occasion, the VC said a total of 93 companies are participating in this virtual job mela for which 8,200 candidates have enrolled so far. The KSOU was holding such job fairs for the benefit of Degree, Diploma and Post Graduate students.

S.V. Venkatesh, Founder and CEO, Mysuru, said the speciality of this job mela was that candidates have to upload their primary details by downloading JobKart App from playstore on mobile phone. Besides, the candidates have to upload one minute video on their education qualification. All documents pertaining to education must be shared in profile link. Then they can search about the availability of jobs to suit their education qualification. Companies will shortlist the candidates and call for interview online. This will be followed by one to one interview. Around 4,000 jobs were available across the State, he added.

Dr. R.H. Pavitra, Placement Officer, KSOU, said 92 companies from across the State were participating in this job mela at the invitation of JobKart. This time, 8,200 candidates have enrolled so far. They can register their names till Mar. 22. In 2019, a similar Job Mela was held in which 3,900 candidates had got jobs as against 7,000 enrolled candidates.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	106.87 feet
Inflow	:	213 cusecs
Outflow	:	4,193 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,267.10 feet
Inflow	:	109 cusecs
Outflow	:	760 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,823.21 feet
Inflow	:	48 cusecs
Outflow	:	45 cusecs

Police Constable dies of heart attack

An ex-Serviceman, he had joined the force in city three days ago

Vasu

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (RK&KS)- An ex-Serviceman, who had joined the Police Department three days ago after serving the Indian Army, has died of heart attack yesterday morning.

The deceased is Vasu (43), a resident of Raghavendranagar in city. He leaves behind his wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Vasu, who complained of severe chest pain at about 7 am yesterday, was rushed to a nearby private hospital and was shifted to another private hospital for further treatment where he breathed his last at about 9 am, according to the Police.

Vasu, who had served the Indian Army, had joined as a Constable in the Police Department after undergoing a year-long basic training at Dharwad. He was deployed at Ashokapuram Police Station. Ashokapuram Inspector Prakash said that Vasu had reported to duty on Mar. 12 morning and worked only for two days. He suffered a heart attack on Sunday and breathed his last, the Inspector added.

Student commits suicide in hostel room

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (RK&KS)- A Post-Graduate student committed suicide by hanging inside his room in Manasagangothri Hostel on Saturday night and the incident came to light yesterday morning.

The deceased is Siddarameshwara (24), a native of Shahapur village in Yadgir district. He was pursuing his second year MA Sociology course at Mysore University and was staying at the Men's Hostel in Manasagangothri campus.

Jayalakshmipuram Police, who conducted mahazar, shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary besides registering a case. Post-mortem was conducted after the deceased's family members arrived from Yadgir and the body was later handed over to them.

Siddarameshwara's classmates said that he had lost his father four months ago and had come to Mysuru to pursue his PG course.

Police said that the reason for Siddarameshwara to take the extreme step is yet to be known.

Obituary

Chovanda Shyla Harish

Mysuru, Mar. 15- Chovanda Shyla Harish (Appanderanda), wife of Chovanda Harish and a resident of Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, passed away yesterday in city. She was 56.

She leaves behind her husband, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this morning, according to family sources.

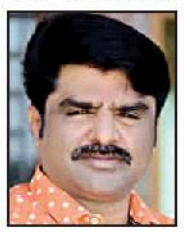
Alhaj Akbar Sayeed

Alhaj Akbar Sayeed (74), former Trustee Rifahul Muslimeen Educational Trust, Mysuru and a resident of 2nd Cross, C.V. Road, opposite Masjid-e-Noor at Bannimantap, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in Bengaluru following a heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held today at Masjid-e-Khudadad on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road here followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

M. Bhaskar



M. Bhaskar (Ambarish Gowda), an industrialist and a resident of Siddarthanagar, passed away yesterday in city. He was 48.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his native place Maralagala in Srirangapatna taluk this morning, according to sources.

Saptapadi mass marriage held atop Chamundi Hill

16 couples had registered but only 14 enter into wedlock

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (MTY&KS)- In the first of the series of mass marriage programme in the district this year, 14 couples entered into wedlock at the simple mass marriage ceremony 'Saptapadi' organised under Karnataka Saptapadi Vivaha Vedike, a mass marriage scheme introduced by the State Government, at Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill this morning.

Though 16 couples had registered, only 14 couples tied the knot today at the wedding ceremony held between 11 am and 12 noon in the auspicious *Abhijin Lagna*. Rituals were conducted by Hill Temple Chief Priest Dr. N. Shashishekar Dixit and Nanjangud Temple Priest Nagachandra Dixit.

Each bride was given a *mangalya* (8 gm gold) and a monetary assistance of Rs. 10,000 for purchase of clothes and every bridegroom was given a *dhoti* and monetary assistance of Rs. 5,000. The *mangalyas* were distributed by DC Rohini Sindhuri and MLA G.T. Devegowda.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA G.T. Devegowda said that he too got his children married in a simple manner and added that he had organised three mass marriages in Hunsur where more than 100 couples entered wedlock. Many take loans and perform marriage and later find it difficult to repay loans, he added.

DC Rohini Sindhuri, who too spoke, informed the gathering that simple mass marriage ceremonies will be held every month from April.

COVID guidelines

Stating that COVID-19 positive cases were increasing and the State Government has issued a circular to compulsorily follow the COVID guidelines, she said that the guidelines will be strictly implemented in the district from tomorrow.

She urged the gathering to compulsorily wear face masks, maintain social distance and senior citizens (above 60) and those above 45 years with co-morbidities to voluntarily take vaccine, which is being administered free of cost at all Primary Health Centres and the District Hospital.

After overnight stay in Mysuru...

Golden Chariot

leaves for Srirangapatna

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (RK&SSV)- After almost two years of hiatus, the Golden Chariot, a luxury tour on wheels offered by IRCTC, chugged in Mysuru yesterday, as part of 'Pride of Karnataka' package.

With 23 tourists on board, the high-end train arrived at Mysuru Railway Station on its six nights and seven days tour visiting various destinations in both Karnataka and Goa. A grand-cum-traditional welcome was accorded when the Golden Chariot arrived in city. Officials of IRCTC received tourists in traditional style.

Later, they went to Nanjangud town by road, and then to Bandipur to enjoy Safari. They then returned to Mysuru and spend night in luxury train stationed overnight at Mysuru.

This morning, tourists had breakfast on-board and went out to visit the Mysore Palace in private bus. At Palace, they were taken inside and gave full description by Ramesh, a palace guide. Later, they will return to train to have lunch and leave for Srirangapatna at 3.30 pm. They will be taken to ruins of forts of Tipu Sultan, Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple and other tourist places.

On Tuesday, the train will proceed to Banavar Station from where tourists will be taken to Helebidu and Chikkamagalur. On Mar. 17, tourists will be taken to Hampi, Badami, Aihole and Pattadakal on Mar. 18. To Goa on Mar. 19 and, then return to Bengaluru on Mar. 20.

Next journey from Mar. 21

The 'Jewels of South' (6 nights and 7 days) will take travellers on an epicurean journey from Bengaluru to Mysuru, Hampi, Mahabalipuram, Thanjavur, Chettinad, Kochi, Kumarakom and back to Bengaluru. It will begin from Mar. 21.

Launched in 2008 by KSTDC, the train was facing decreased patronage over the years and the occupancy rate was only 30 to 35 percent on an average. Added to the burden was the high haulage charge by the Indian Railways and the KSTDC was paying between Rs. 50 lakh and Rs. 55 lakh per trip as haulage charges to the Railways.

Now, the IRCTC has taken the train under its wings and all its 18 luxurious coaches have been given a makeover with new interiors at Ashokapuram Railway Workshop, Mysuru.

Now the interiors are plusher and all the earlier furniture has been replaced. The vestibule (passage between the two coaches) has been made seamless all along the coaches and the train is packed with new attractions. Its iconic purple exterior has been retained and motif decoration has been made more meaningful by including Yakshagana Kirita (headgear). The yellow band running across the train will explain tourist monuments.

Bank strike total in city

General Insurance Companies will be on strike on Mar. 17; Unions in LIC will strike on Mar. 18

Mysuru, Mar.15 (RK&DM)- Key banking operations in city including services like deposits and withdrawal at branches, cheque transfer and clearance and loan approvals were impacted today as nine unions called for a two-day nationwide strike against the proposed privatisation of public sector banks and "retrograde banking reforms".

As many as 10 lakh bank employees across India are participating in the strike called by the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU), an umbrella body of nine bank unions. Banks across the country were shut on Saturday and Sunday - and were not open today and will not open tomorrow due to the strike - leading to a four-day halt of services. However, online transactions were not hit. Anyone could undertake online services anytime.

Branches of private sector lenders like ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and Axis Bank were open as they are not participating in the strike. Banking services came to a grinding halt in all public sector banks, putting the customers to a lot of inconvenience and hardship. People were seen rushing to ATMs to withdraw or deposit money. Most of the ATMs witnessed long queues right from the morning. However, bank authorities have replenished the ATMs full to the capacity.

Some of the banks that were closed are, State Bank of India, Indian Bank, Canara Bank, Indian Overseas Bank, Punjab National Bank, Union Bank of India, UCO Bank, IDBI Bank, Karnataka Bank and Federal Bank.

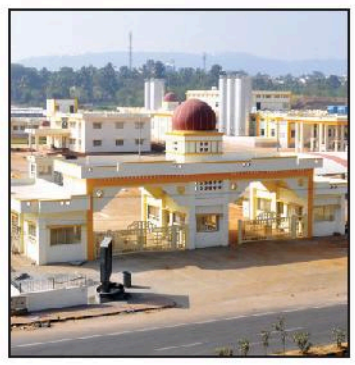
The shutdown of banking services has hit traders, businessmen,corporates and all other commercial and business activities across the country. However, almost all private sector banks functioned as usual and most of them witnessed an unusual rush with increased banking activities and transactions.

The strike comes after Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's Budget announcement where she announced the privatisation of two public sector banks (apart from IDBI Bank) as part of the Government's disinvestment drive to generate Rs. 1.75 lakh crore.

As part of the stir on the first day today, over 300 employees from different public sector banks staged a demonstration in front of State Bank of India(SBI) Zonal office in T.K.Layout. Tomorrow, hundreds of employees and staff of banks will stage a demonstration in front of the Canara Bank regional Office at Nazarbad, as part of the strike.

Apart from bank unions, all the unions in four General Insurance Companies will be on strike on Mar. 17. All the unions in LIC are on strike on Mar. 18, while unions of four insurance companies have called for a strike against the privatisation of public companies.

29 candidates in fray for MyMUL polls tomorrow



Mysuru, Mar. 15 (RKB&DM)- A total of 29 candidates are in the fray for 15 posts of Director in MyMUL (Mysuru Milk Union Limited), the election to which will take place in city tomorrow (Mar. 16). The election has become a prestige issue for disgruntled JD(S) MLA G.T. Devegowda and JD(S) leader and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, who are fighting a heated battle to gain control of the Co-operative Milk body, though the elections are not contested on party lines.

The polling will take place at KMF Training Centre in Mega Dairy premises on Bannur Road. There are a total of 1,052 votes, with the electors body comprising empowered members of Milk Producer Co-operative Societies across the district. The voting will take place from 9 am to 4 pm, following which the counting of votes will be taken up and the results are expected to be announced later in the evening tomorrow.

Out of the 15 Director posts, 7 are assigned for Mysuru Sub-Division and the rest 8 for Hunsur Sub-Division. For 7 seats in Mysuru Sub-Division, there are 7 candidates in the fray. In Hunsuru Sub-Division, there are 14 candidates for 8 post of Directors. Out of the 7 seats in Mysuru Sub-Division, 5 seats are reserved for general category and 2 for women candidates. Similarly in Hunsuru Sub-Division, out of the 8 seats, 6 are reserved for general category and 2 for women candidates.

Following the announcement of poll schedule last month, 34 candidates had filed nomination papers. While the nomination paper of one candidate was rejected for indiscrepancies, four candidates withdrew from the contest, thus leaving 29 candidates in the fray.

The election, though not held on party lines, has raised a lot of interest in political circles, as political parties believe that gaining control of the co-operative milk body will help them politically in the long run, especially in rural areas, where dairy farming is an important means of rural livelihood.

The election is seen as a prestigious issue for MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD), who is trying his best to hold sway over the milk body, while on the other hand, former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy, with whom GTD has fallen out is sparing no effort to gain control of MyMUL. Meanwhile, it is learnt that the Congress and JD(S) have formed a syndicate group, after fielding 7 candidates in Mysuru Sub-Division and 6 candidates in Hunsur Sub-Division, while the group backed by GTD is contesting all the 15 posts.

It is significant to note here that former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy recently visited the city a couple of times to evolve strategies for defeating the candidates backed by GTD.

Stink will Stop?

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Bioremediation is the best process to clear the waste. It is a process of treating contaminated soil and subsurface material, by altering environmental conditions to stimulate growth of micro-organisms and to degrade the target pollutants.

Total tender amount

The tenders have been called to clear the legacy waste and funds have been allocated under 13, 14 and 15th financial grants. The tender has been divided into three parts – Rs. 4.6 crore for biomining methods, Rs. 2.16 crore for outsourcing vehicles for the biomining project like excavators, backhoe loaders, front-end loaders, tippers and tractors. The third part of the tender is worth Rs. 3.37 crore is to transport the Refuse-Derived Fuel (RDF) derived after the booming to cement factories.

The total value of the three tenders is Rs. 10.13 crore and the time-frame for the completion of the works is nine months, as per the tender specifications.

Though the proposal to clear the legacy waste had been approved by the Government, the project was caught in a quagmire. In 2020, a seven-member team headed by the then Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar and MCC Officers and elected representatives visited Nagpur to study the biomining project adopted by Zigma Company. The team had visited the plant at Bhandewadi village near Nagpur where Bioremediation technology is being used to process 10 lakh tonnes of legacy waste.

Later the Karnataka Urban Development Department finalised the tender. Instead of a single tender, the Urban Development Department divided it into three parts – biomining, transportation and disposal.

Once the legacy waste is cleared, an estimated 25 acres of land at Vidyaranyapuram can be reclaimed by the MCC. The company that bags the tender has the responsibility of segregation of the waste before processing.

'No alliance with JD(S) for MyMUL polls'

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (SPN&DM)- With just a day to go for MyMUL (Mysuru Milk Union Limited) polls, which has gained political limelight because of infighting between two groups of JD(S), Opposition leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has asserted that there is no question of having any alliance with the JD(S) for taking control of the important Co-operative Milk body.

Speaking to presspersons at Mysore Airport at Mandakalli here yesterday upon his arrival from Bengaluru, Siddharamaiah, who was on his first visit to the city after Mysuru Mayoral polls, clarified that the Congress will have no tie up with the JD(S) not only for MyMul polls, but also for any other elections. Maintaining that co-operative and other such local polls will not be held on party lines, he said that, however, there may be political understandings for these polls. But still, the Congress will not support the JD(S) in MyMUL polls, he said and clarified that Congress backed candidates will contest the polls independently.

14 Karnataka Bn NCC adopts Sir MV's statue at Mandya

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (KS)- Following the nationwide 'Cleaning of Statues' call by the Ministry of Defence, Government of India on Mar. 12, to remember and spread awareness about the personalities, whose statues are being cleaned, the 14 Karnataka Bn NCC, Mysuru, had adopted the statue of Bharat Ratna Sir M. Visveswaraya at Mandya.

As part of the programme, PI staff headed by Sub. Maj. Govindappa took part in the activity.

About 55 Cadets from various institutions of Mandya assembled near the statue at 7 am and carried out the cleaning activity.

Gp. Cdr, Mysuru, Col. R.R. Menon, Commanding Officer of 14 Kar Bn NCC, Mysuru Col. Manish Prasad and Associate NCC Officers headed by Lt. Shivaramu, took part in the event.

Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa statue cleaned

NCC Cadets of JSS Polytechnic, Mysuru, cleaned the statue of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa at Ramakrishnanagar Circle in city on Saturday.

Lt. Harsha Kumar, ANO, JSS Polytechnic, Hav. Kumaraswamy, Hav. Hardutt were present during the cleaning drive.

KAR Girls BN NCC holds social service and community development programme at Kamarahalli

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (KS)- The 3 Karnataka Girls Bn NCC of NCC Gp HQs, Mysuru, had organised a social service and community development programme at their adopted village Kamarahalli in the taluk recently. The programme was held under Commanding Officer Col. Manoj Kumar Mishra in which an Officer, 11 PI staff, three GCIs (Girls Cadet Instructor), two Associated NCC Officers (ANOs) and about 100 Cadets from St. Joseph First Grade College and JSS Polytechnic for Women, Mysuru, participated.

The programme included awareness on COVID-19, free medical and dental Camp under Medical Officer of the PHC in Beerihundi Dr. B.C. Mamatha, Dr. Bharat Kumar, Dr. Pratibha Garla, Dr. Simran Saluja, Dr. Sneha Dr Namitha, Sub. (Nursing Asst.) Pawan Sharma and Hav. (NA) D.V.R. Rama Rao.

Medicines, sanitisers, face masks and stationary items were distributed to the Primary School students. A cleanliness drive and rally was held under Sub. Maj. Ratti Ram Gurjar, Sr. GCI. K.P. Divya and GCI Lekshmi Das.

The social service and Community Development Programme was assisted by Sarpanch of Kamarahalli village Suma, Panchayat Development Officer Parameshwar, Head Master of Kamarahalli Govt. Primary School N.R. Kemparaju, Secretary Byresh Kumar, teachers, villagers and students of Kamarahalli village.

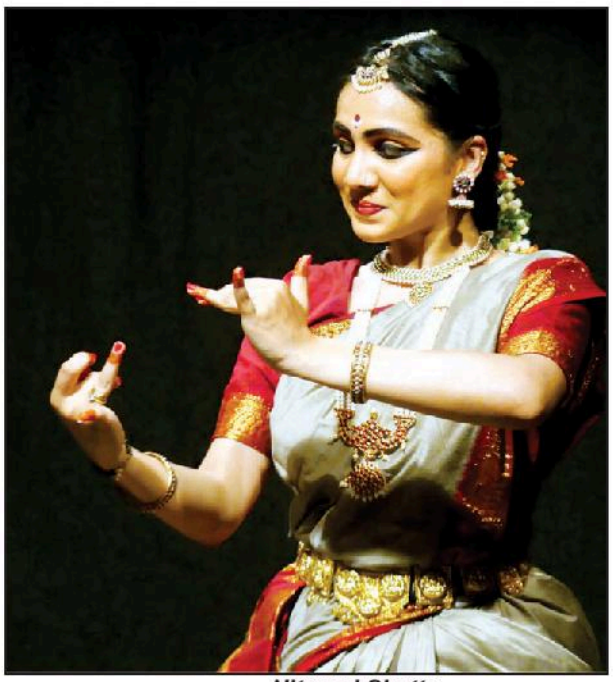
The villagers appreciated the way the medical camp was conducted and were very happy to get free check-up and free medicine. About 250 villagers and students took part in the free Medical and Dental Camp.

District Health Department, Mysuru, deputed Medical staff and the villagers urged for such camps in future.

Dr. Bharat Kumar and Dr. Pratibha Garlawas conducted the dental camp.

Commanding Officer Col. Manoj Kumar Mishra assured the villagers that such events would be held at other villages in future.

Classicism in Dance and Music



Nityasri Shetty

Chinmayee Bharadwaj

Shreekripa

The legacy of the Tanjore Quartets (Chinniah, Ponniah, Sivanandam and Vadivelu — early 19th century) who were exponents of Dance and Music is immense and unmatched. They have laid a firm foundation for dance (apart from composing and creating many songs for dance), which later on came to be known as Bharatanatyam. 'Angashuddha', perfect adavus, dignity and beauty in every movement or posture, pristine purity and high-level marks the Tanjore style. Kittappa Pillai and Muthappa Pillai were among their disciples.

Vidu. Lalitha Dorai learnt from these two great teachers and strived to keep the purity. Our own Vidu. Nandini Eswar is a disciple of Lalitha Dorai. She paid rich tributes to her Guru by presenting only the items composed by her Guru in 1950s in Tanjore style. One could clearly see the changes in today's dance form in almost all aspects. Nandini Eswar adheres strictly to tradition and shuns glamour. This is evident in their attire, make up and overall presentation. This helps the spectators too to concentrate on dance. This programme, in memory of Saraswathamma, was arranged on the 26th of February at Veene Seshanna Bhavana.

Four disciples of Nandini and Rohitha Eswar — **Chinmayee Bharadwaj, Nityasri Shetty, Shreekripa** and **Mridula Hamsini** — presented the dance items perfectly and stole the show. Natuvanga by **Dr. Rohitha Eswar,** vocal by **Vidu. akshmi,** mridanga by **Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy** and violin by **Vid. Tandavamurthy** supported the young dancers.

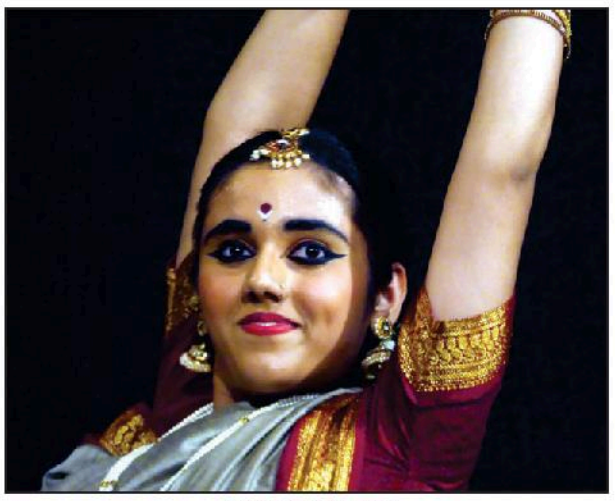
The order of the items presented too followed the pattern set by the Tanjore Brothers. Alaripu, Jathiswara, Keerthane, Padavarna, Padam, Javali and a Thillana were neatly presented by the four dancers. About 15-20 years ago, the duration of rendering a Padavarna, used to be not less than an hour. Now a days, it is seen being completed in 20 or 25 minutes.

It was heartening to see Nityasri Shetty and Chinmayee Bharadwaj display their stamina and profound abhinaya in rendering the pada varna - 'Sakhiye inda jaalam' - Todi-Ponnayya Pillai for more than 45 minutes! The Alaripu and the Jathiswara (composed by Swathi Tirunal in Ragamalike) were in Mishra Chapu taala which again was a tough choice.

The Padam, in Kambodhi Raga, was composed by Ghanam Krishna Iyer; displayed Madhura Bhakthi and had ample of opportunity to unfold the abhinaya skill. Chinmayee utilised the vilamba kala to explore her matured abhinaya. The expressions of a 'Virahotkanthita Nayika' asking her 'sakhi' to bring her beloved Lord Subramanya was rendered in a subtle and delicate manner.

The Keerthana 'Kaalai thooki nindrai' (Yadukula Kambothi-Maari Muthu Pillai) dealt with the Nataraja of Ponnambala and was ably presented by Shreekripa. Nityasri did justice to the Javali 'Sakhipraana' (Jinjhoti-Dharmapuri Subbaraya) and Shreekripa and Mridula Hamsini's Tillana in Kanada brought the curtains down. On the whole, this dance programme carried a nostalgic flavour.

Vid. Vivek Sadasivam presenting a Karnatak Music Concert at Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill in city on Feb. 27. He is accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohankumar on violin, Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga and Vid. Shamit S. Gowda on ghata.



Mridula Hamsini

MOONLIGHT MUSIC

The 'Moonlight Music' on the 27th of February at the Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill was by young vocalist **Vid. Vivek Sadasivam.**

He was accompanied by **Vid. Keshav Mohankumar** on violin, **Vid. G.S. Ramanujam** on mridanga and **Vid. Shamit S. Gowda** on ghata respectively.

Vivek Sadashivam is a very promising young vocalist who is blessed with an attractive voice and good manodharma. He has been groomed by gifted teachers who have made him an excellent and confident singer. His selection of the krutis for the concert too was appropriate.

Vivek started the concert with a keertana in praise of Lord Shiva 'Parvathipathim' (Hamsadhwani-Muthuswami Dikshita) and embellished it with a frill of crisp kalpana swaras. He had chosen to sing a number of Vachanas, all wrapped in classical tunes. His clear enunciation, open throated singing and soulful rendering added to it. Basavanna's 'Jagava suttirpudu ninna maaye' (Valachi), 'Aavaava bhavadali', 'Dayavillada Dharma', Akka Mahadevi's 'Bettada melondu' and a song by Nijaguna Shivayogi 'Jyothi belaguthide' in Jyothiswaroopini were all dipped in pure classicism. His elaboration of Jyothiswaroopini and Ghorak kalyan were filled with raga bhava and brought out the artistic ability in him.

Tyagaraja's 'Shobhillu saptha-swara' (Jaganmohini) was adorned with a lively chitteswara and the prelude to 'Shambho mahadeva' (Panthuvarali) had a fresh approach to the raga. Every phrase was classic and enjoyable. A neraval at 'Shambho Mahadeva sharanagatha jana rakshaka' was followed by a lively kalpana swaras. Young Keshava Mohan's melodious bowing enhanced the musical experience. Experienced Laya Vidwan G.S. Ramanujam's strokes matched every song.

His encouragement to the young ghata player Vid. Shamit Gowda was appreciable. The concert concluded by 'Chandrashekhara Esha' (Sindhubhairavi) by Anai Vaidyanatha Iyer. It was undoubtedly an excellent and a memorable concert.

—Dr. Rama V. Bennur

WORD OF THE DAY

Luminary

Pronunciation: LOO-muh-nair-ee.
Meaning: A person of prominence or brilliant achievement; a body that gives light; especially : one of the celestial bodies.
Origin: Allow us to shed some light on luminary. It came to English by way of Anglo-French and Late Latin, and it traces back to the Latin word lumen, meaning "light." Other lumen descendants in English include illuminate ("to light up"), luminous ("emitting light") and phillumenist ("one who collects matchbooks or matchbox labels"). Luminary has been shining its light in English since the 15th century.
Example: "[Lloyd] Richards, a luminary who, with the original production of A Raisin in the Sun, became the first Black director to stage a Broadway play, emphasized dramaturgy." — Abigail Aguirre, Vogue, January 2021

THE ODD WORD

Lagena

Flask.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Long in the tooth

Meaning: It means that someone or something is old.
Origin: The phrase is believed to originate from horses, or more specifically, a horse's teeth. How so? Because the older a horse gets, the longer their teeth become. So it is possible to give an approximation for how old a horse is simply by looking at their teeth.
Now, let's talk about when this phrase shows up in print. There's a small snippet in an article printed in the Huron Daily Huronite newspaper from the year 1889 that uses this expression. To give context for the following quote, someone was analysing a horse because they were interested in buying it, but he had doubts about its age, so he said:
"'Open his mouth. What did you say his age was? I think he's a little long in the tooth. Seven years did you say he was? I should call him 10 or 11 years old.'"

QUOTE BOX

Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.— **Mother Theresa**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

MOINOD

Answer: In the mood.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 20 quires
5 Arab prince
9 French island
12 At an earlier time
13 "Zuckerman Unbound" author
14 Internet addresses
15 One with rubber limbs
18 Slumber
19 At my expense (2,2)
20 Spanish gold
22 Iraqi port
26 Moral tale
30 Skinny
31 Of or belonging to us
32 German "dialectic" philosopher
34 And for the German
35 Seed appendage
37 Shouting
39 Natural ability
41 Anatomical pouch
42 Baltic port
45 Nostrils
49 Fully and finally (4,3,3,3)
53 "One", as a prefix
54 Chinese weight
55 Boss of a shield
56 Beverage
57 __ __ cost : free ? (2,2)
58 Argument or tiff

SATURDAY'S ANSWER

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DOWN
1 Fabled birds
2 Organic compound
3 Skin affliction
4 Shooting star ?
5 Be mistaken
6 Lorre role
7 Get _ _ writing (2,2)
8 Type of parallelogram
9 Three for the Roman
10 Long playing records, in short ?
11 Superlative suffix
16 Big name in daytime TV
17 Clean and tidy
21 Follow orders
23 Avoid deliberately
24 Circular band
25 In addition
26 Knit alternative
27 Opera part
28 Bigger than med.
29 Sea snakes
31 Clumsy fellow
33 Grassy plain
36 Former Italian coin
38 Son of Daedalus
40 Lasso
43 Flying pest
44 South Yemen port
46 Slope
47 Napoleon's exile island
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51 US spy bureau
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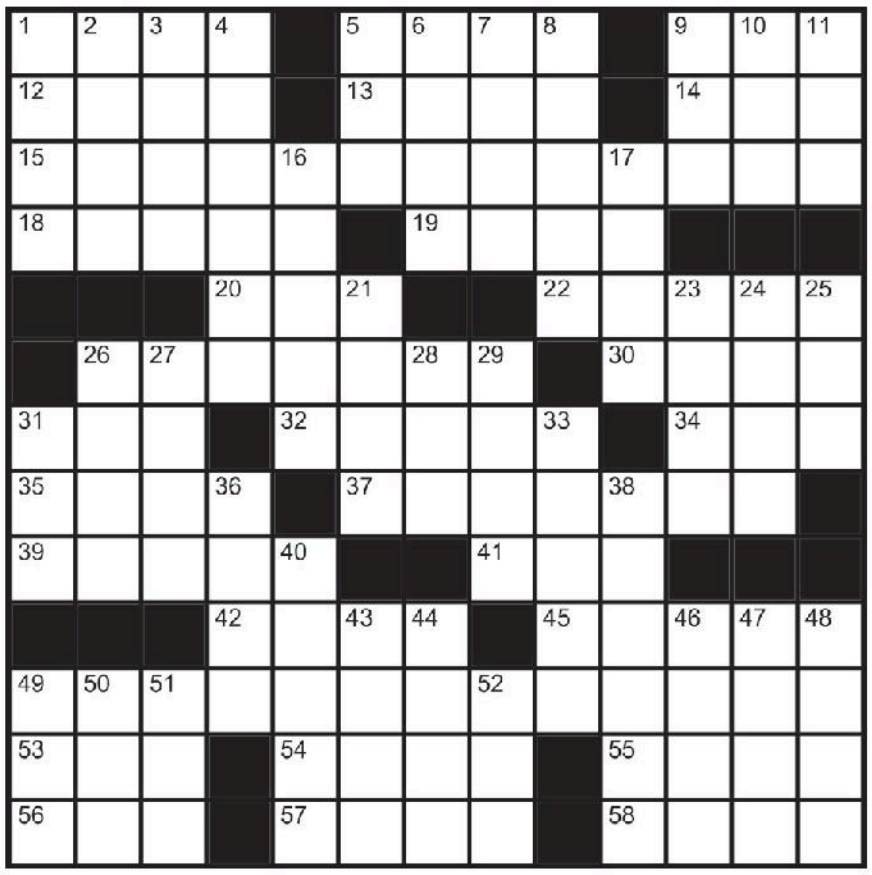

SUDOKO

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Answer to previous puzzle

7	5	6	8	9	4	3	1	2
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8	1	2	4	7	9	5	6	3
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

BUABIV YNAVRW BA J HRJEV TXVCV B RBMV

JRR JRGUV JUI DXJD'A TXVCV NGP CVUVT

NGPC AHCBUSA DXJD UVMVC ICN PH.

TODAY'S CLUE: P EQUALS U

Saturday's Cryptoquip: You can't get away from yourself by moving from one place to another. There's nothing to that.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
Roberrt (K)	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
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Hero (K)	(S-2) 10.30 am, 7.15 pm
Sreekaram (Te)	(S-2) 1.10 pm
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	(S-3) 9.25 pm; (S-4) 11.45 am
Hero (K)	(S-4) 6.46 pm
Roohi (H)	(S-4) 3.30 pm, 9.55 pm
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Sreekaram (Te)	(S-4) 8.30 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-1) 7.15 pm
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	(S-3) 1 pm, 4.30 pm, 8.15 pm
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Roohi (H)	:	9.40 am, 12.40 pm, 3.45 pm 6.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Jathi Ratnalu (Te)	:	8.55 am, 12.15 pm, 6.40 pm
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Roohi (H)	:	9.30 am, 12.35 pm, 6.35 pm
Jathi Ratnalu (Te)	:	3.25 pm, 9.40 pm
Hero (K)	:	9.30 am, 3.40 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Sanchalana Theatre Fest in city from today

Mysuru, Mar. 15- A three-day Sanchalana Theatre Festival has been organised at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises from Mar. 15 to 17, under the aegis of Sanchalana Mysuru, a city-based theatre troupe.

The Fest will be inaugurated at 6 pm today (Mar. 15) in the presence of Commercial Tax Department Dy. Commissioner Sridhar Nayak, Rangayana Mysuru Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and young theatre director Somashekar Sira. Valedictory will be held at 6 pm on Mar. 17 which will be attended by journalist Vishalakshi Akki, All India Youth Federation (AIYF) President Harish Bala and former CADA Member D.C. Kanta Kumar.

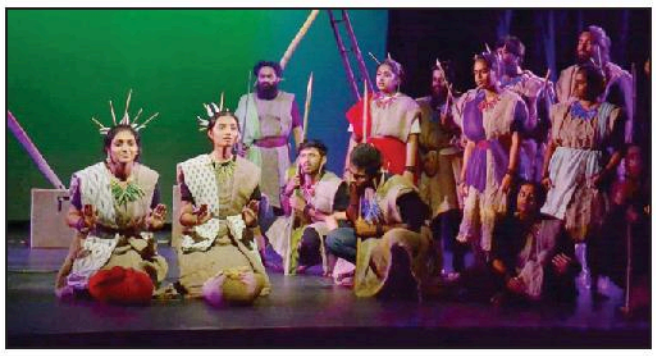
As part of the Fest, following plays will be staged at 6 pm:

Mar. 15: Staging of play '**Avantarada Aliya**' by Yavanika theatre troupe, Mysuru. Writer: Belur Krishnamurthy; Director: Anurag.

Mar. 16: Play '**Krishna Paksha**' by Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru. Script: Somashekar Sira; Director: M.M. Suguna.

Mar. 17: 'Roopa Roopagalanu Daati' by Sanchalana Women's theatre troupe, Mysuru. [Writer: Belur Raghunandan; Director: Deepak Mysore]

'Avantarada Aliya' by Yavanika, Mysuru.



'Krishna Paksha' by Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru.

'Roopa Roopagalanu Daati' by Sanchalana, Mysuru.

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 15)

- **Impressionz:** Solo show curated collection from the master weavers of Banaras by Indira Lavanya, The Quorum Hotel, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sahara Arts and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, JSS Ground, next to Doddakere Maidan, opp. Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **JSS Mahavidyapeetha:** 'Jnana Varidhi,' weekly online (virtual) lecture series, Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM) Founder Dr. R. Balasubamaniam delivers talk 'Leadership in service activities,' **6 pm.** [YouTube: *http://Youtube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapeethaonline* OR Facebook: *https://www.facebook.com/JSSMVP* OR Website: *http://jssonline.org*]
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha:** Venu Vidwan A.V. Prakash Memorial Music Festival, veena concert by **Vidu. Mysore S. Rajalakshmi** accompanied by Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. T.N. Ajay on ghata, Sri Vidyabharathi Prarthana Mandira, Sri Chandramouleeshwara Temple, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2512422]

- **National Institute of Personnel Management (NIPM), Mysuru Chapter:** 41st NIPM Foundation Day, Chief guest - V. Eswara Rao, Vice-President - Works, JK Tyre & Industries Ltd., Vikrant Tyre Plant-1, 2 & 3, Mysuru; Guest of honour - P V Sneha, Superintendent of Police, Karnataka Lokayukta, Mysuru Division, Mysuru, GRS Fantasy Park, off KRS Road, Metagalli, **6.15 pm.**
- **Lions Club International Dist. 317 A, Lions Clubs, J.P. Nagar, Mysore:** 12 anniversary celebrations and District Governor Ln. Dr. G.A. Ramesh's official visit, felicitation to K.R. Hospital Medical Officer Dr. Chaitanya and pharmacist Raghavan of Raghulal & Co. and progressive farmer T.N. Somashekar of Talur, Lions Clubs of Mysore J.P. Nagar President Ln. G.M. Mahesh presides, Hotel President, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 16)

- **Nanjangud Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Subbarayanakere, Mysuru:** Guru Vaibhavotsava 2021, Pavamana Homa (Sarvakaryasiddhi and Prayaschita), Mutt premises, **9 am.**
- **Impressionz:** Solo show curated collection from the master weavers of Banaras by Indira Lavanya, The Quorum Hotel, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sahara Arts and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, JSS Ground, next to Doddakere Maidan, opp. Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sri Mahaganapati Seva Samiti:** Sri Annapurneshwari Rathotsava and Anna Santarpane, Sri Annapurneshwari Temple, Hebbal Layout 1st Stage, **12 noon.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha:** Venu Vidwan A.V. Prakash Memorial Music Festival, vocal concert by Vid. Dr. K.T. Udayakiran, accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohankumar on violin, Vid. H. L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Sri Vidyabharathi Prarthana Mandira, Sri Chandramouleeshwara Temple, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2512422]

Vocal concert

Vid. N. Srinath

Mysuru, Mar. 15- Ganabharathi has organised a vocal concert by **Vid. N. Srinath** at its premises in Kuvempunagar on Mar. 17 at 6 pm. He will be accompanied by **Vid. C.N. Tyagarajan** on violin, **Vid. V.R. Srinivas** on mridanga and **Vid. Sharath Koushik** on the ghata.

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